



**Agenda Item Number: 2004-11-2B**

## **BERNALILLO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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**Meeting Date:** November 9, 2004

**Department:** Commissioner Alan B. Armijo **Staff Contact:** Mary Salazar, Commission Asst., District 1

**TITLE:** Proclamation Commending the Water Authority

**ACTION:** Presentation of the proclamation

**SUMMARY:**

The Board of County Commissioner would like to commend the Water Authority members and staff for efforts in making the transition from a municipal utility to a joint city/county utility a success. The Water Authority has saved ratepayers \$8 million in its first major financing by structuring a partnership with the New Mexico Finance Authority and \$1 million in administrative overhead was eliminated in the first budget. The Water Authority has also implemented a cost of services rate model that reduced residential sewer bills by 18% and they developed a plan to allocated \$7 million for completion of the Valley Utilities project.

**ATTACHMENT:**

1. Draft Proclamation